

Proposed New Flood Maps for the Town of Buckeye Reflect Changes to Local Flood Risks

The Town of Buckeye will conduct a public open house to present the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM) for the Town of Buckeye to the Public. These proposed new maps, prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reflect changes to local flood risks across the community.

Why are DFIRM maps important to you?

FEMA's website states that "Floods are one of the most common hazards in the United States, however not all floods are alike. Some floods develop slowly, while others such as flash floods, can develop in just a few minutes and without visible signs of rain. Additionally, floods can be local, impacting a neighborhood or community, or very large, affecting entire river basins and multiple states." Since changing weather patterns, erosion, and development can affect floodplain boundaries, it is important to be aware of how those changes may affect you. The new proposed flood maps were developed after an extensive, multi-year study conducted by FEMA to update the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for all of Maricopa County to meet FEMA's new mapping standards and to incorporate new floodplain limits onto the new maps.

The DFIRM map, related flood risk data and other hydrologic information will be used to update plans to protect Buckeye from flooding, help inform future development, and identify changes in flood risks.

The new DFIRM maps for the Town of Buckeye show flood risks for a given area to help Buckeye citizens and the business community understand the area in which they live and work and the flood risks that may affect them. With the release of the new maps, some property owners will learn that their risk is higher or lower than they thought. If there is a change in your flood risk status, the change may affect what you pay for flood insurance, should you have an insurable structure on the property. The new maps will become effective on October 16, 2013. At that time, new insurance requirements will take effect.

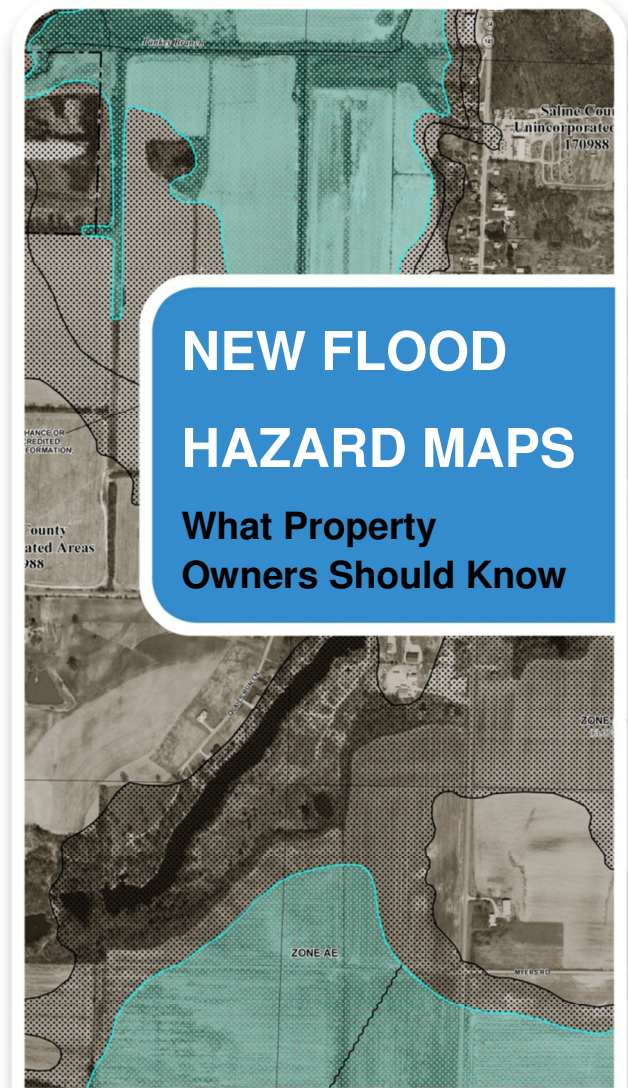
You are encouraged to attend the open house and review the proposed maps to learn about local flood risks and to identify any concerns or questions about the information provided.

Plan to attend if you are interested in:

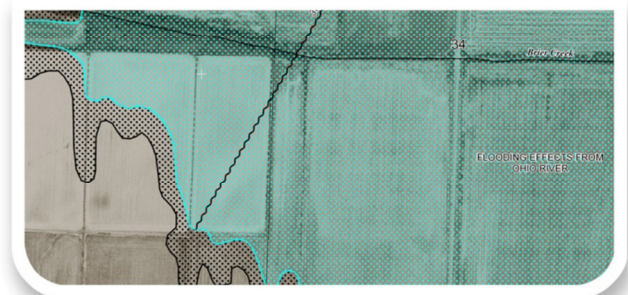
- Knowing your flood risks
- Understanding why flood insurance maps are important to you
- Learn about flood insurance
 - Am I in or out?
 - How much will flood insurance cost me?
 - I'm out! How do I cancel/lower my flood insurance policy?
 - Where to purchase flood insurance
 - Amount of coverage required
 - Cost of flood insurance

Go to:

http://www.fcd.maricopa.gov/gis/dfirm_maps.aspx to view the DFIRM Update Maps. Visit www.FloodSmart.gov or call 1-888-379-9531 to learn more about flood insurance and to use the "Cost of Flooding" tool to see, inch by inch, the potential cost of flood damage.



MAPPING THE RISK

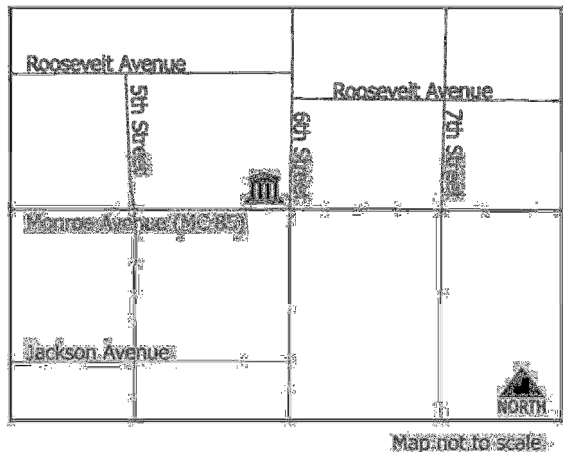


You Are Invited to an Open House

At the upcoming public open house, you will have the opportunity to view the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps, and speak with representatives from Town of Buckeye staff, and the Flood Control District.

Public Open House

Monday, September 30, 2013
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Buckeye Town Hall
Executive Conference Room, First Floor
530 East Monroe Avenue
Buckeye, AZ 85326



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